

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON:
MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2011**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	George Smith (Chair)	Robert Craig (Vice chair)	M Hannay	W Mackie (Treasurer)
	Robert Freel (Secretary)	G Haddow		
	M Casey			
	Cllrs, Campbell, Filshie, Holman & Malloy, Police Constables Bunnie & Andrew Alexander Marc Maclaren Scottish Water and 22 members of public were also in attendance .			
	Chair George Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked police for being in attendance. Scottish waters representative Marc Maclaren who was due to attend last month but due to an accident on M8 he had to cancel is in attendance tonight to talk about the works being carried out at the waste water treatment works			
	SCOTTISH WATER : STONEHOUSE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT			
	Marc introduced himself and intimated that a 10 month contract had been started at WWTP which would see pumps, filters, screens being replaced. Full secondary screening was being replaced but no tertiary system. The works were estimated as 2.5million and would make the plant fit for purpose in treating waste. A question of whether Tankers would still deliver waste was asked and Community council were advised that this would stop whilst work was being carried out and would probably continue after completion. Increased site traffic would be experienced as equipment was delivered. Licensing body SEPA will continue to monitor. A question was asked if aeration filters would be fitted to reduce and control odour which was evident during the summer months. Residents who stayed near the plant intimated that odour can be quite bad during summer. Marc will check and advise if aeration filters are to be upgraded. A question on the efficiency of the pumping station in East mains was asked along with problems being encountered with blockages. Secretary to write to Marc about this. Mr Hannay advised that a 21" pipe ran near the site and it would be better to run pipes to connect to this network. Mr Hannay advised on water board resources who were working on Vicars road and Mrs Dorman asked about a letter she had received about claiming rebate for sewage flood that had occurred in previous years. No other questions and chair thanked Marc for attending			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	Police constables reported that 203 calls were logged since last meeting, 43 were crime reports. Of this 43 a number were thefts from shops,cars and some youth disorder incidents. Mounted police and support units had been in the village and will continue to support local officers as and when required. Licensed premises are currently being looked at. A resident asked about a car incident on Saturday and confirmed that 3 cars involved along with drug and alcohol incidents. A member of public spoke about speeding cars at cross, police advised that the registration number should be taken and called in . If a number of calls were received then officers would visit owner. Calls are prioritised. Chair advised that police will build a picture on number of incidents called in. Discussion continued on what number to call			

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	<p>999 or local call centre. Chair advised on the use of phoning 112 from a mobile phone as this provided a GPS position of the phone whilst logged to police.</p> <p>Some questions and discussion on the large number of youths that gathered in various areas in the village, police constables advised that on some occasions police would not approach until back up was called for as there were safety issues. Chair asked about use of blue flashing lights and siren to try and disperse. This sometimes worked. Mr Weir recounted an incident at the cross and about phone calls made but not actioned and asked about process of lodging a complaint as he had also tried to contact inspector Munro but could not get him. Mr Lowe asked about the Action Plan that was in place and if it was linked to zero tolerance. Police constables advised where under 16 were involved in some cases a parental visit is made. Some further discussion took place on previous community police officers initiative on arranging and running Friday night football. This was seen as trying to engage with youths. Apparently this is still on going but with no police involvement. No further question raised and chair thanked constables for attending tonight's meeting.</p>	
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES	Action
	Minutes were accepted by those present as being a correct record of the January meeting.	
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	Action
	Chair advised that most of the business arising will be dealt with under the appropriate headings within the issued agenda.	
5	CORRESPONDENCE	Action
	A list of correspondence for the previous month was issued with the Agenda. Everyone present was advised that all correspondence was available for inspection and questioning.	
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	Action
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>Chair thanked Andrew Clark and D Hannay for walking the various streets within the village to compile a report on the condition of the roads. Potholes were being filled in however the method used was temporary and that any heavy traffic going over a pothole after a temporary repair would just displace the infill. Murray drive pavements were also discussed.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the state of the Lintaugh bridge and the recent notice advising that the road was to be closed until August 2012. Secretary was asked to write and express concerns at the length of time of the closure.</p>	RF
6.2	PLANNING	ACTIO N
	Discussion took place on the Scotgen / Dovesdale application and the recent decision to approve the application. Community council are currently seeking a meeting with SEPA. It was reported that the action group and Karen Gillen are meeting with SEPA today. It was agreed that the community council lodge a complaint with the public sector ombudsman about the way in which SLC handled the application this would mean that the community must lodge a complaint with SLC in the first instance. It was also agreed that the community council organise and hold a hustings meeting with regards the forthcoming Scottish election candidates. Chair will organise as secretary will be on holiday. It was suggested to hold the meeting in the Church hall.	Chair

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6.3	COMMUNITY HALLS	Action
	<p>Next meeting and site visit date to be confirmed although planned site visit date could not be met by CC representative. Site visit Date had provisionally been set for 15-/16th February 2011.</p> <p>Robert Craig and Molly Casey reported on their attendance at the stakeholder meeting with SLC and the building contractor held on 18th February. Hall build continues and is on track. Anticipated that the handover of the hall will be around December and could possibly open January 2012. A problem with theft on the site has been encountered and this has been reported to police. It is anticipated that the CC will be able to have a walk through the building prior to the next cc meeting. At this meeting it was also presented to the community council that SLC leisure Trust were considering moving the library to the new hall. An outline of this will be provided at the next community council meeting on 21st March by a project manager from SLC / Trust. It is anticipated that comments cards and drawings will be available in the library.</p> <p>Robert Craig re-emphasised that Carluke and Fairhill were good examples of the building we are getting in Stonehouse and encouraged people to go and see them. Andrew Clark sought clarification between the Stonehouse Development Trust proposals for the Institute and the community council's objective for moving the library to the Institute. Chair stated that as far back as late 2006 and early 2007 the community council had pledged to ensure that a new hall was built and that SLC had no plans to move the library to the new facility therefore the community council would try to ensure enhancements were made to the existing library and as soon as the new hall was built would campaign with the elected members to move the library to the Institute.</p> <p>This cc position was known to Bill Crow and Will McMurtie who were both members of the Community Council when this plan was first mooted. The Community Council had tried to arrange meetings with the Development Trust prior to and over the Christmas holiday period without any success. Other opportunities to meet had failed for various reasons including the meeting for 15th which was cancelled due to the cc being advised that proposals would be put to the stakeholder group on Friday 18th regards incorporating the library in the ICF. It would have been pointless to meet to discuss cc plans if this were to change by Friday 18th.</p> <p>Elected members stated that individual groups could approach the council on their own to explore possible projects which may include buying the Public Institute. The development trust was at liberty to do this. Chair asked if elected members were aware of this and were party to discussions to sell off hall. All of the elected members denied that they had any knowledge of meetings which had taken place with regard to the sale of the Public Institute to the Development Trust. Bill Crow stated that the trusts development officer would have advised cc at their meetings of this. This was refuted as the Development officer had not attended any meetings in the last 9 months and had not sent any material on his own volition. It was further stated that development officer had been in attendance at the Community Council meetings. This was refuted. Bill Crow advised that market value of the Public Institute was £40,000 and that as part of the next stage of the developments plans they had to consult with the community on the community options available for the Institute should they submit a funding bid. Discussion on ownership and handover from miners to district council was also discussed.</p>	

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6.4	LOCAL PLAN	Action
	Secretary advised that minerals plan had been received and was out for consultation.	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	Action
	No Report, No time available	
8	UTILITIES	Action
8.1	WATER : covered under presentation	
8.2	Gas: No Report, No time available	
8.3	Electricity : No Report, No time available	
9	TRANSPORT	Action
	No Report	
10	REPORTS	Action
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS	
	No Report, No time available	
10.2	TREASURER	Action
	No Report, No time available, although community council elected members were asked to submit expenses claims for travel expenses.	
11	AOCB	Action
	Chair asked if anyone present at the meeting had any pressing items to raise as it was unfortunate that we had run out of time at tonight's meeting. Question was asked about the building at the cross. Mr Weir advised that planning department had lost his plans but it would be sorted. Nothing else was raised.	
	Meeting closed at 9.10pm, the next meeting will be Monday 21 st March 2011. Public Institute 7.30.	